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In re Application of Manuel Mares

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For: **SLOPPED ROOF FLASHING
SYSTEM AND METHOD**

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CITATION OF PRIOR ART

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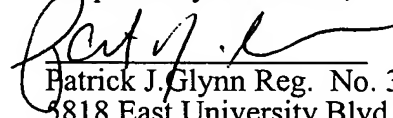
Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the undersigned attorney for the applicant advises the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office of the references known to applicant as set forth in form PTO/SB/08A attached hereto and made a part hereof.

None of the prior art cited herein suggests or discloses the interfitting roof flashing system and method of the present invention, nor the flanged counter flashing as disclosed by applicant. The prior art does not address the problem associated with attaching counter flashing to the masonry wall to cover exposed flashing sections at the transition of a sloped roof and masonry wall, let alone a counter flashing that solves this problem. Specifically, the prior art does not suggest or disclose a system or

method that eliminates the step of gouging the masonry wall in the installation of counter flashing and the material and labor costs associated with the system and method of the present invention. The teaching in the prior art rather prefers to embed an anchor for subsequent attachment of counter flashing or attach counter flashing by tacking or other means. Moreover the prior art fails to suggest or disclose the one-piece counter flashing of the present invention devoid of a separate element or anchor for attachment and having a lateral flange and slit adapted for securely fitting exposed upstanding flashing elements at the transition juncture.

Respectfully submitted,

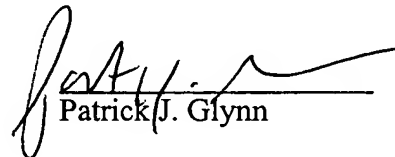


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